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For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS HAVING CATADIOPTIC PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM

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Petitioner, James G. McEwen, represents that I am an attorney of record for this application for the Assignee identified below owning the entire interest in the above-identified application and am authorized to sign on behalf of the Assignee.

IDENTITY OF ASSIGNEE

The Assignee is Nikon Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Japan, having an office and principal place of business at Tokyo, Japan.

RECORDAL OF ASSIGNMENT IN USPTO

The Assignment of the above-identified application was recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on Reel 007532, Frame 0382.

COMMON OWNERSHIP OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,999,333

Pursuant to Rule 3.73(b), the Assignee is the current owner of the subject application pursuant to the Assignment identified below. Assignee further confirms that it remains the owner of U.S. Patent No. 5,999,333.

CERTIFICATION OF TITLE

The evidentiary documents have been reviewed and the undersigned certifies that, to the best of said Assignee's knowledge and belief, title of the above-identified application and U.S. Patent No. 5,999,333 are in the said Assignee.

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Assignee hereby disclaims the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent, granted on the above-identified application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 5,999,333 and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to U.S. Patent No. 5,999,333. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the above-identified application and is to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

Assignee does not disclaim any terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application prior to the expiration date of the full statutory term of any patent granted for U.S. Patent No. 5,999,333 in the event that one or more of any patent granted on the applications later expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. §1.321(a), has all claims cancelled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is otherwise terminated prior to the expiration of its statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, except for the separation of legal title stated above.

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FEE

The requisite disclaimer fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.20(d) of \$110.00 is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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